

FOLD 81

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~ **SECRET**  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
**INFORMATION REPORT**

50X1

COUNTRY USSR

DATE DISTR. 6 Oct 51

50X1SUBJECT Organization and Equipment of 93 Separate  
Motorcycle Battalion of the 57th Guards Rifle  
Division

NO. OF PAGES 5

PLACE  
ACQUIRED

NO. OF ENCLS. 3  
(LISTED BELOW) (A), (B) & (C)

50X1  
DATE  
ACQUIRED

SUPPLEMENT TO  
REPORT NO.

DATE OF INFORMATION

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE  
OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793  
AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVE-  
LATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS  
PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

Organization and Equipment

50X1

1. The 93rd Sep Mtrcl Bn of the 57th Gds Rifle Div was organized as follows:

See enclosures A and B for charts showing organization of the battalion and of the division

- a. Headquarters, with a complement of nine officers: battalion commander (1t col), political officer (major), training officer (major), chief of staff (major), medical officer (capt), supply officer (capt), technical officer (major), artillery and weapons officer (capt), and signal officer (capt).
- b. Armored Car Co (Brone-Transportnaya Rota), with a complement of five officers and 65 enlisted men: There was a headquarters with a commanding officer who was a captain, a political officer (1t), a first sergeant, company clerk, medic and two radio operators. Then there were three platoons, each commanded by a lieutenant and having four crews of five men each. Armored car crews were made up of the car commander (usually a sergeant, except that platoon commanders commanded the cars in which they rode), two machine gunners, one rifleman and one driver. The officers and first sergeant carried TT pistols but a new T/E of spring 1951 prescribed TT pistols for the drivers as well. The rifleman, machine gunners and car commander (if an NCO) carried 7.62 PPSH SMG's. The company had a total of 18 TT pistols, 72 PPSH SMG's, 24 Degtyarev MG's, 11 US 7.62 mm MG's, 11 US 12.7 mm MG's and 10 flare pistols. Vehicles of the company included 15 armored vehicles: 12 US-made Hercules (identified as M3A1) and three US-made half-track vehicles (identified as M-3). Eleven of the Hercules had one 12.7 mm US Browning MG and one 7.62 mm US Browning MG each. The three half-tracks each had a US 57 mm AT gun but no machine guns.

~~SECRET~~

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DISTRIBUTION															
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	acc	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FBI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										

FORM NO. 51-40  
M 1951

**SECRET**

50X1

**SECRET****SECRET**

-2-

- c. Motorcycle Co, with a complement of six officers and 84 enlisted men. The headquarters had a commanding officer who was a captain, a political officer (Lt), technical officer (Lt), first sergeant, company clerk and one medic. There were three platoons, each commanded by an officer and having three squads. Each squad had nine men and three motorcycles, providing a driver, rifleman and machine gunner, each armed with a PPSH SMG, for each motorcycle. Each cycle had a sidecar on which was mounted a DP (Degtyareva Pylemyet) MG. The company had 45 motorcycles, 17 in reserve and 28 in operation--27 for the crews and one for commanding officer. All but six GAZ (Gorkovskii Motorsikletnyi Zavod) Soviet types were US-made Harley-Davidsons; the Soviet-made ones had no sidecars. The company's weapons were seven TT pistols, 83 PPSH SMG's 24 DP MG's and 10 flare pistols. Both the motorcycle and Armored Car Cos were used as reconnaissance units for the 57th Gds Rifle Div and were assigned to regiments or units needing their services by the division headquarters.
- d. Headquarters Platoon, with one officer (Signal Corps), three NCO's and eight privates. One NCO was in charge of the Secret Documents Section, one NCO was a clerk, one NCO acted as chemical warfare instructor, and the eight privates were radio operators. All enlisted men in the platoon were armed with PPSH 7.62 mm SMG's.
- e. Service Platoon, had 10 privates and NCO's who were cooks, supply personnel and storekeepers. All were armed with PPSH 7.62 mm SMG's.
- f. Technical Supply Platoon, had one officer (Lt), 10 NCO's and 12 privates. The platoon was divided into two sections called "Masterskaya Tipa A n B" (Workshop Units A and B).
- (1) Unit A contained 12 men: one motorcycle mechanic, one electrician, one armored vehicle mechanic, one machine gun mechanic, one artillery mechanic and seven drivers.
  - (2) Unit B contained 10 men: one locksmith, one electrician, one POL supply man, and seven drivers who made repairs, maintained the stored vehicles of the battalion and worked as general handy men.

The commanding officer of the Technical Supply Platoon carried a TT pistol and all the enlisted men were equipped with carbines. Included in the equipment of the platoon were 12 trucks, two cars and one GAZ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ T, used as an ambulance. The trucks were three 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  Fords, three 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ T Chevrolets, one Studebaker mobil repair shop truck and five ZIS three-ton trucks. The two cars were a US-made Willys jeep and a German Olympia.

50X1

2. [redacted] the peacetime T/O of the 93rd Sep Mtrcl Bn to be about 22 officers, 33 NCO's and 155 privates. This was the T/O on duty [redacted] this is not a wartime T/O because the battalion commander said the wartime T/O & E would add three T-34 tanks, five 82 mm mortars, artillery, radio men and infantry troops.

50X1

50X1

3.

50X1

50X1

50X1

[redacted] all the regimental parking areas were filled with vehicles in storage. [redacted] the Division has sufficient vehicles to transport all of its troops and equipment.

4. In addition to weapons and equipment mentioned above, the 57th Gds Rifle Div had 57 mm AT guns, 82 mm mortars; and its howitzer regiment had 105 mm howitzers and 120 mm mortars.

#### Unit Supply and Maintenance

5. Individual soldiers were responsible for the maintenance of their weapons and great stress was laid upon clean weapons, with daily inspections by platoon commanders and frequent inspections by Army and GORG teams. As a result, the carbines, SMG's and MG's were in good condition.

**SECRET**

50X1

SECRET

**SECRET**

-3-

6. Trucks, motorcycles and half-tracks, however, were obsolete and in poor condition, though operable. Much the same was true of radio transmitter-receiver sets. [redacted] the battalion signal officer had requisitioned new radio transmitter-receivers in 1949 but by July 1951, they had still not been received.

7. Once or twice a month the Motorcycle Co and the Armored Car Co went on trips for target practice. For these occasions [redacted] about 800 pounds of MG ammunition and 1000 round of SMG ammunition to each of the companies. Previous to Army or GOFG inspections (once in April) and during these inspections, the troops fired daily for approximately five successive days. The unit of fire is 240 rounds for the SMG, 100 rounds for the carbine, 16 round for the TT pistol, and 300 rounds for the MG. [redacted]

8. Food and clothing supplies for enlisted men were as follows:

a. Food - 800 gms of bread daily in summer and 900 in winter. In addition, for breakfast, gruel (kasha), tea and 17 gms of sugar; for dinner, borsht, macaroni or gruel and 50 gms of meat; and for supper, potatoes, 50 gms of fish, tea and 17 gms of sugar.

b. Clothing - One overcoat each two years; one pair boots each year; one blouse and pair breeches each year; clean underwear once each week after bathing.

9. [redacted] the 57th Gds Rifle Div can supply all of its subordinate units in war-time just as in peace. The division will draw its supplies from army depots. Shipments from army to division and from division to units is by rails [redacted] the 93rd Mtrcl Bn drew its food from the 57th Gds Rifle Div daily. [redacted] a two-day reserve of food and POL supplies is maintained in the battalion.

10. During the moves between summer and winter quarters, supplies are moved by train to conserve gasoline; only the battalion commander and political officer may use vehicles as much as they desire. Except for three Ford trucks used for hauling food, POL supplies and personnel, and six motorcycles and two armored cars used for training, all vehicles are stored on blocks with batteries disconnected, radiators drained and gas tanks full. The mortars, howitzers and guns of the 174th Rifle Regt and the 17th Tank Regt, and those of the howitzer and artillery regiments of the 57th Gds Rifle Div were also stored on blocks. The official time allotted to get vehicles out of storage and on the move is 1½ hours. On several dry runs and on moves from summer to winter quarters, all vehicles of the 93rd Sep Mtrcl Bn were on the move within two hours after the signal was given.

11. The total of weapons and equipment of the battalion, both in the supply room and in the units, was:

TT pistols - 35  
Carbines - 30  
SMG (PPSh) - 145  
MG (DP) - 56  
US MG 12.7 - 11  
US Mg 7.62 - 11  
Motorcycles - 45  
Trucks - 12  
Ambulance - 1  
Mobile repair shop - 1  
Cars - 2  
Scout cars M3A1 - 15  
Half-tracks M3 - 3

12. Equipment and supplies ordinarily stored in the supply room of the 93rd Sep Mtrcl Bn were:

**SECRET**

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

50X1

-4-

- 8 DP 7.62 mm MGs
- 22 PPSH SMGs
- 8 carbines, 7.62 mm
- 300 Soviet made flares, 26-mm caliber - green
- 150 German made flares, 26-mm caliber - red
- 150 German made flares, 26-mm caliber - red/green
- 150 German made flares, 26-mm caliber - yellow
- 5 Flare pistols
- 60,000 rounds 7.62 mm ammunition - for pistols and SMGs
- 70,000 rounds 7.62 mm ammunition - for carbines and MGs
- 300 US made rounds for US 57-mm gun
- 20,000 US made rounds for US 12.7 mm Browning MG
- 30,000 US made rounds for US 7.62 mm Browning MG
- 3 RB transmitter-receiver sets
- 20 knives\*

\*The battalion was issued knives instead of bayonets. These were single-edged, with six-inch blades and four-inch wooden handles.

13. The ammunition was crated in wooden cases which measured approximately 50x30x10 cms. A case of pistol and SMG ammunition contained 2520 rounds in two compartments each holding 1260 rounds; the cartridges were packed in hard paper wrapping in bundles of 70. The ammunition for the MG's and carbines was packed 800 rounds to the case if without magazines, and 500 if with magazines. Cartridges were packed in bundles of 20 in wrapping paper, with 400 cartridges in each of two compartments in the case. Pistol and SMG ammunition cases bore these markings:

	(Caliber)	7.62 mm
	(Amount)	2520
	(Cartridge type)	PGL (Pistoletnaya Gilsa Latunnaya-cartridge case, brass)
50X1	(Powder type)	KUF
50X1		
50X1	(Lot No, Order No, Factory Markings, Year made)	3/45 145/44 V/V (V/V is Voennovo Vypuska, or military output)
50X1		

See Enclosure C, (1) Carbine and MG ammunition cases bore these markings:

(Caliber)	7.62 mm
(Amount)	800
(Cartridge type)	V Patrony (Vintovochynye Patrony, or rifle cartridges)
(Lot No, Order No, Factory Markings, Year made)	3 II 115/44 V/V (As above, I can only explain V/V)

See Enclosure C (2)

14. The battalion had 30 thousand rounds of US-made 12.7 mm ammunition and 50 thousand rounds of US-made 7.62 mm ammunition on hand during 1950. In January 1951 the battalion had 140 thousand rounds of Soviet-made pistol ammunition and 110 thousand rounds of Soviet-made carbine ammunition on hand. In May 1951 the battalion turned over 50 thousand rounds of pistol ammunition and 30 thousand rounds of carbine ammunition to the 174th Gds Rifle Regt. this was done because the battalion would not need this ammunition for its target practice, but the 174th Gds would.

SECRET

SECRET

50X1

SECRET

SECRET

-5-

15. In February 1951 all units of the 8th Army turned in weapons and ammunition to the 8th Army ammunition depot in Altenhain. Our battalion turned in 75 DP MG's, 195 PPSH SMG's and approximately 70 carbines. Their condition was as follows:

MG-s - 3d class (not usable) and 5th class (requiring major factory repairs)

SMG's - good condition

Carbines - 2nd class (worn barrels)

The 17th Tank Regt turned in 100 mm SP shells, 85 mm shells and 82 mm mortar shells. At the ammunition depot in Altenhain were approximately 300 carloads of ammunition and weapons of the 8th Gds Army units, including one carload from the 93rd Sep Mtrcl Bn, 10 carloads from the 17th Tank Regt, and 19 carloads from the 174th Gds Rifle Regt.

50X1

50X1

50X1

16. [redacted] ammunition returned from the units [redacted]

50X1

[redacted] weapons were sent to the USSR. The weapons were cleaned, oiled and packed at the depot by 200 German workers. [redacted]

50X1

[redacted] all DP MG's were to be turned in to the 8th Gds Army depot in Altenhain and were to be replaced by the other weapons.

50X1

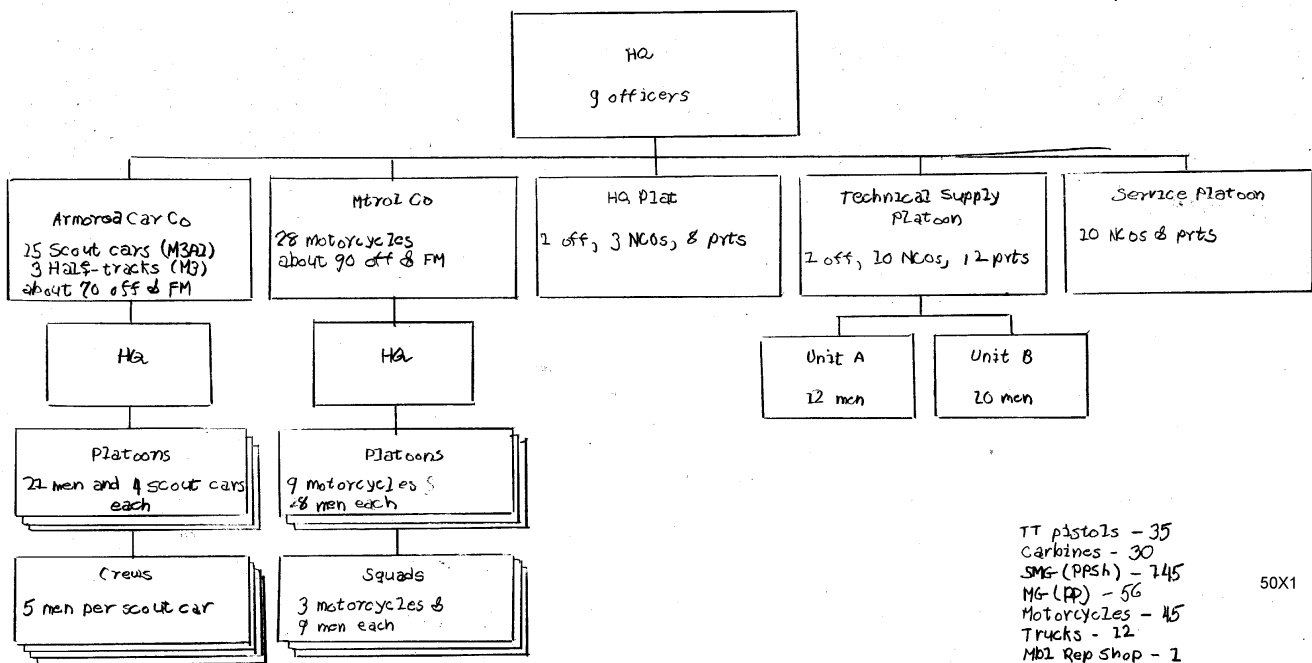
-end-

50X1

- ENCLOSURES (A) Organization of the 93rd Sep Mtrcl Bn  
(B) Organization of the 57th Gds Rifle Div, 8th Gds Army  
(C) Markings and Symbols on Soviet Ammunition Boxes

Organization of the 93d Sep Motor Bn

About 20-22 officers; 188-192 enlisted men



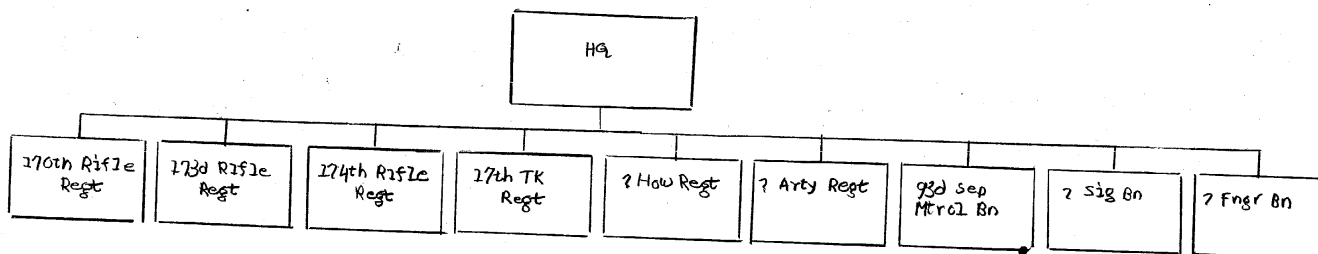
ENCLOSURE (A)

SECRET

SECRET

50X1

Organization of the 57th Gds Rifle Div. 8th Gds Army



ENCLOSURE (B)

SECRET

SECRET

50X1

ENCLOSURE (C)

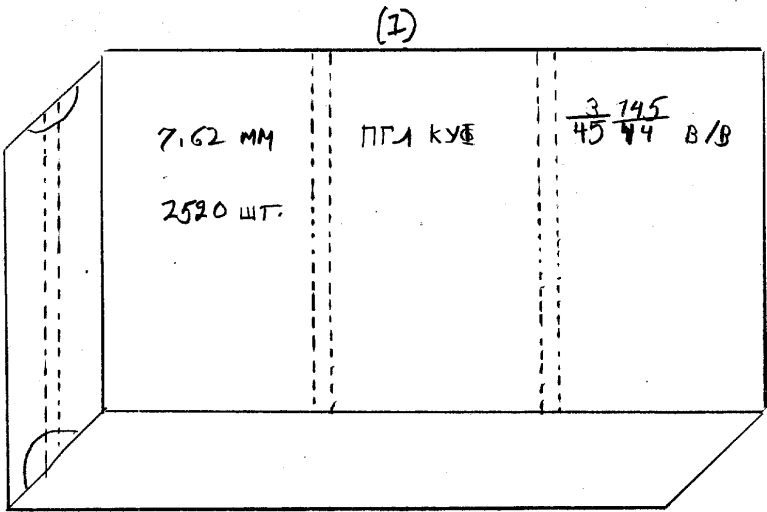
SECRET

SECRET

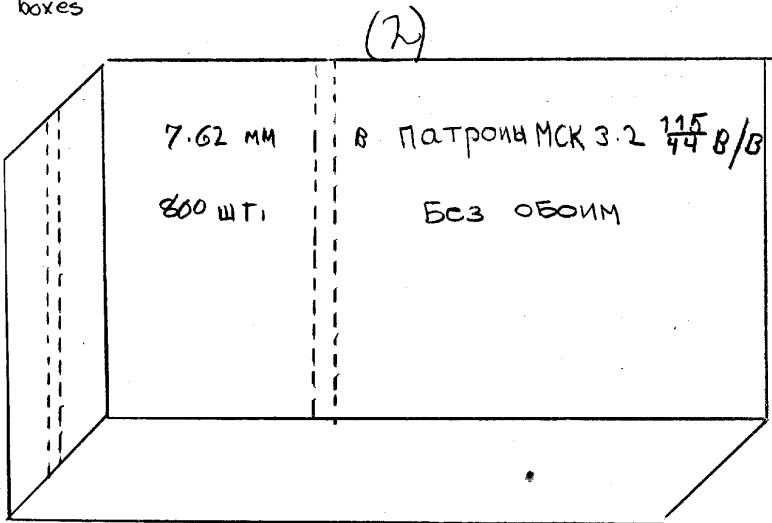
SECRET

50X1

markings and symbols on Soviet Ammunition Boxes



Note The markings are duplicated on the ends and sides of the ammunition boxes



SECRET

SECRET